

**Amendments to the Claims:**

Please amend the claims as indicated. This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

**Listing of claims:**

1. (currently amended) A composition for reducing and reversing erosion of a granular earthy material ~~such as a plurality of grains of sand~~ from an underlying ground such as a beach, comprising:

an uncontained pile placed on the beach comprising a plurality of natural wood pieces having a target size within the range of about 0.2 inch~~20-mesh~~ to about six inches.

2. (original) The composition according to claim 1, wherein said plurality of wood pieces is a raw material selected from the group consisting of tree trimmings and stumps.

3. (currently amended) The composition according to claim 1, wherein said uncontained pile further includes a leaf compost which is not greater than 10% of an aggregate weight of said uncontained pile.

4. (currently amended) The composition according to claim 1, wherein said uncontained pile further includes a grass compost which is not greater than 10% of an aggregate weight of said uncontained pile.

5. (original) The composition according to claim 1, wherein said plurality of wood pieces comprises a plurality of composted wood pieces.

6. (currently amended) The composition according to claim 1, wherein said uncontained pile has a windrow shape.

7. (currently amended) The composition according to claim 1, further including a fence installed proximate a predominantly wind blown side of said uncontained pile.

8. (currently amended) The composition according to claim 71, wherein said fence is installed within two feet of said uncontained pile.

9. (currently amended) The composition according to claim 71, wherein said fence comprises a geo-textile material.

10. (currently amended) A method for restoring a beach~~reducing and reversing erosion of a granular earthy material such as a plurality of grains of sand from an underlying ground such as a beach~~, comprising:

accumulating a starter material from at least one natural wood material;

processing the starter material into a plurality of pieces within a targeted size range to make a base product wherein said processing step comprises grinding the starter material into the plurality of pieces having the target size within the range of about 0.2 inch to about six inches; and

~~installing~~piling the base product along and on top of the ~~beach~~ground in an uncontained state wherein said piling step comprises arranging the base product as a windrow; and

collecting a wind blown particulate on the base product.

11. (previously canceled)

12. (canceled)

13. (previously canceled)

14. (currently amended) The method according to claim 10, further including composting the starter material prior to said ~~piling~~installing step.

15. (currently amended) The method according to claim 10, further including ~~collecting a wind-blown particulate on the base product; and~~  
installing an additional layer of the base product after said collecting step.

16. (previously canceled)

17. (original) The method according to claim 15, further including removing a portion of the base product after said collecting step.

18. (previously canceled)

19. (canceled)

20. (currently amended) A beach restoration system, comprising:

an uncontained windrow placed on the ground of the beach wherein said uncontained windrow comprises a base product having a plurality of natural wood pieces.

21. (currently amended) The beach restoration system according to claim 20, further including a fence installed proximate a predominantly wind blown side of said uncontained windrow.

22. (original) The beach restoration system according to claim 20, wherein the base product has a composted material.

23. (currently amended) The beach restoration system according to claim 20, wherein said plurality of natural wood pieces has a target size within the range of about 0.2 inch~~20~~ mesh to about six inches.